

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the first Office Action mailed May 18, 2004 for which a thirty-day period for response was set to June 18, 2004. A petition for a two-month extension is filed herewith.

The Examiner placed the following restriction:

Group I, claims 1-40 and 58-60, drawn to an article, classified in class 428, subclass 411.1; and

Group II, claims 41-57, drawn to a packaged formulation, classified in class 436, subclass 501.

In response to the Examiner's restriction, Applicants respectfully elect Group I, claims 1-40 and 58-60. Original claims 1-40 and 58-60 have been cancelled and replaced with newly presented claims 61-110 which read upon this election.

The Examiner placed the following distinct species of the claimed invention for each of the following categories: functional group; spacer group; binding group; crosslinking component; matrix forming component; substrate; and active component.

In response to the Examiner's species requirement, Applicant notes the following:

The elected functional group is the electrophilically active group as recited in claims 63-66;

The elected spacer group is the hydrophilic polymer as recited in claims 67-71;

The binding group is silane as recited in claims 72-74;

The crosslinking group is organosilane as recited in claims 75-76;

The matrix-forming component is polyoxyethylene-based surface active substance as recited in claims 77-79;

The substrate is solid surface as recited in claims 82-85;

The active component is a component comprising an electrophilically active group, a hydrophilic polymer, and a silane as recited in claims 80-81.


Applicants would respectfully traverse the species requirement with respect to substrate. Applicants' note that it is not believed to be a serious burden on the Examiner to search additional substrates in relation to the above newly presented claims. As such, the Applicants request that the substrate election be withdrawn.

This Amendment and Response is filed contemporaneously with a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time and associated \$210.00 fee. Should any additional filing fees associated with this amendment be necessary, please consider this a request therefor and charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 as necessary.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for her thorough review of the claims in this application. Further, the Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination. In the event the Examiner has questions or comments and a telephone conversation would expedite a resolution, the Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at (303) 629-3400.

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